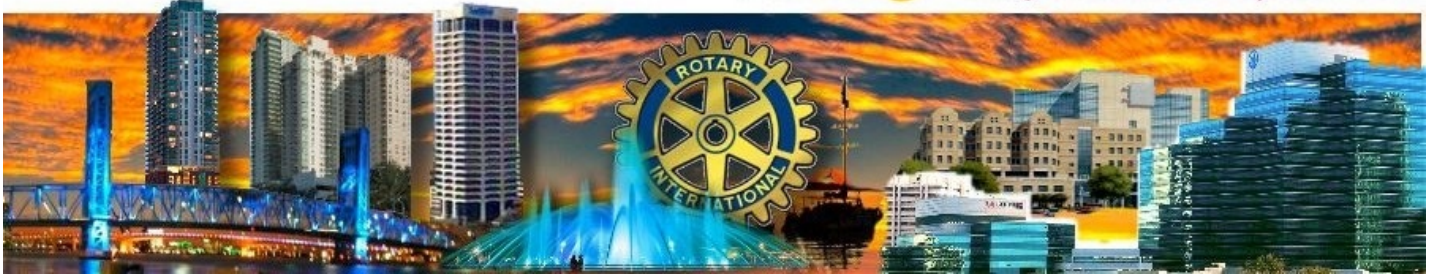




South Jacksonville
Rotary



Putting Service Above Self since 1955



The Blessings of Friendship and Loss of a Great Man and Club Member

Club Meeting

South Jacksonville
Meets at Doubletree Hotel
1201 Riverplace Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32207
Time: Tuesday at 12:30 PM

Events

August 20th
[Stacey and Mike Shewey](#)
August 27th
[Board Of Directors lunch meeting](#)
August 28th
[No lunch meeting-Social week](#)
September 3rd
[Labor Day week-no lunch meeting](#)
September 7th
[South Jacksonville Family Friendly Social](#)
September 10th
[Aundra Wallace](#)

Birthdays



[PP Gary L. Wilkinson](#)
August 16th



[PP Harlan S. Bost](#)
August 18th



[Johan A. Olarte](#)
August 23rd



[Bill M. Traer III](#)
September 3rd



[Randy Gordon](#)
September 5th



[George F. Armstrong](#)
September 7th



[PP Tom Ranney Jr.](#)



In life, we come across many people on our path, some have a more memorable impact on us than others, but don't mistake that all our human interactions count each and every day. The human connection. We all take it so for granted. Well, let me speak for myself, I know I do even though I try to do exactly the opposite. Life gets in the way, I get in my own way, etc., etc.. As many of you know, we lost member PP Lee Mercier on August 7th. I am sure some of you have many more memories of Lee than I have in the short time I got to know him as a member and hope you will share these in his memory. In my humble opinion, Lee was one of those distinguished men that exuded confidence, and you felt

proud to know him, even if you had no idea who he was or what he did. That was me when I joined our club. Side note: PP Bill and PP Ranney often remark about how our everyday circles in life were so closely connected before Rotary, and yet we had never met.

Until Rotary, I had not ever met PP Lee Mercier and had no idea what he did for a living or who he was. When I joined the club, it was overwhelming with so many faces and people I had never met. Even my sponsor, Joe Miller, was a relatively new friend to me. Lee found a way to extend himself and connect with me on something he and I both enjoyed, that was ice hockey. He was so engaged and made me feel connected to this new club I had joined. During the hockey season, we would talk about the Tampa Bay Lightning's season, and then the playoffs and race for the cup, the Stanley Cup. Lee probably has no idea how special he made me feel, and even more importantly, how he made me feel like I belonged to this new club I just joined.

It all counts! I am so proud to be a Rotarian and a member of this club. I hope you are too. This past week, several of us attended RLI in Gainesville and had an opportunity to connect with many more Rotarians around the state. I hope you will decide to connect and have an impact this month by attending the Vibrant Club Seminar on August 24th, right here in Jacksonville. Look for the flyer in this week's Gear, as well as the emails about this event.

In Rotary,

Lisamarie Winslow

President
Keiser University – Jacksonville





September 8th

Feeding NE- Sorting Food Items or packing Snack Packs for Duval County school program

[RSVP for Feeding NE Florida](#)



[William H. Harrell](#)
September 9th

Food Sorting Shifts



[PP Bill R. Jaycox](#)
September 10th

Years of Service



[Edward M. Booth Jr.](#)
07-07-1987
38 Years



[Rick Morales III](#)
07-31-1990
35 Years



[PP Dean Scott](#)
07-07-1998
27 Years



[Mitchell Ghaneie](#)
07-01-2022
3 Years



[Michael B. Hotaling](#)
07-01-2022
3 Years



Sorting Food Items or packing Snack Packs for Duval County school program

August 24, 2024

Volunteers needed 1:00p - 3:30p

Members can bring their children ages 10 and older and will be responsible for their supervision.

5245 Old Kings Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32254

Wedding Anniversaries



[PP Jay Plotkin](#)
September 8th



[Bernie Lucking](#)
September 15th



[Lisa Kennedy](#)
September 15th



Signage and a display inside Feeding Northeast Florida's new warehouse.
Feeding Northeast Florida

[RSVP for ReThread](#)



Preparing leather for resale items made by those exposed to human trafficking.

September 26, 2024

Volunteers needed 1:30p - 4:30p

51 E 9th St

Jacksonville, FL 32206

Volunteers in Medicine Social August 28 - Please RSVP

[Please RSVP](#)



Good afternoon! Our next confirmed Rotary Social will be on Wednesday, August 28, at Volunteers in Medicine. Their address is 3728 Phillips Highway, Suite #34, Jacksonville, FL. 32207. The event will be from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Our sponsor is Volunteers in Medicine. Lynn Bauman is coordinating with them about food and beverages.



Rotary Pool Social - End of Summer Splash

[Please RSVP](#)



There's a pool, kiddie pool, & splash pad and we will grill lunch.
We have a gazebo (the one by the lap pool with the grill - opposite from last year) reserved for us.
Bring a side or snack to share! Invite a guest or friend!

There is no gate to the subdivision. Park anywhere at the amenity center. At the building, there is an attendant and let them know you are with the Rotary Social / Jennifer May, and they will direct you to the gazebo to the right by the lap pool and the grills. Feel free to grab any lounge chair by the pools too.

There is a kiddie pool at the front, a splash pad and a regular pool too! No big floats are allowed and no open alcohol either.

We will have hot dogs and burgers or chicken sliders. If you'd like to grill something else, feel free to bring it! Feel free to bring a side to share!

Please RSVP along with guests so we have an adequate headcount.

Contact Jen May 386-852-9095 or Jennifer.may@haskell.com

Bartram Springs Club House
14530 Cherry Lake Drive E
Jacksonville, FL 32258

Subject: Join Us at the Vibrant Clubs Workshop - Let's Transform Rotary Together!

[Vibrant Workshop Registration](#)

Dear South Jacksonville Rotary Members,

I am excited to share a wonderful opportunity with you all: the Vibrant Clubs Workshop, scheduled for Saturday, the 24th of August at the Thrasher-Horne Center in Orange Park, FL. This event is part of Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick's initiative to make our clubs truly irresistible.

I'm pleased to inform you that several members of our club leadership have already committed to attend this transformative workshop. Their participation underscores our commitment to embracing fresh ideas and innovative strategies to enhance our club's engagement and impact.

The workshop promises interactive sessions led by passionate speakers from beyond our district, focusing on practical projects and activities that can invigorate our club's activities and strengthen community partnerships.

We believe that every member of our South Jacksonville Rotary has a valuable role in shaping our club's future. Whether you're a seasoned leader or a new member, there will be something valuable for everyone at this event.

Please find the attached flyer for more details. I encourage you to join us and register today to secure your spot at this pivotal workshop. Your presence will contribute to our collective effort in making our club even more vibrant and inclusive.

Let's seize this opportunity together and make a lasting impact on our community. I look forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards,

Kyle Peters
Membership Chair
South Jacksonville Rotary

[Workshop Registration](#)



**South Jacksonville Rotarians Graduate from RLI courses in
Gainesville**



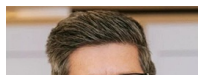


Bernie Lucking, Lynn Bauman, and Tom Tappan graduate from RLI Courses.



Tom Tappan and Bernie Lucking before RLI Level 3 Courses

This Week's Topic: Michael and Stacy Shewey Executive Directors for Hands 4Life





Stacy's career began with Hyatt Hotels and Resorts. During this time, she was awarded the prestigious Circle of Excellence Award, which is reserved for the hospitality industry's best sales associates. Stacy went on to form a hospitality company where she owned and operated hotel properties, freelanced as a hotel feasibility consultant, was a consultant/investor on a 60-million-dollar resort start-up, and contracted out as an event planner. She left the hospitality industry to become an executive director for an assisted living and memory care community before forming Hands 4Life.

After being in the senior living and hospitality industry for her whole career, she felt called to take her experiences and knowledge and serve those in developing nations. We all know we are in an aging crisis in the US, but few realize we are in a global aging crisis where there is no plan to care for the vulnerable and forgotten senior population. It was with this revelation Hands 4Life was born.

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